

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method ~~for refreshing that~~ refreshes an on-going electronic auction at a server, comprising the steps of:

determining ~~that whether an~~ a sponsor determined auction parameter generated by a sponsor of the auction has been changed while the auction is on-going, the sponsor determined auction parameter not including bid information derived from an input received from any auction participant; and

automatically refreshing a representation of the auction at a browser of an auction participant if it is determined that ~~an~~ the sponsor determined auction parameter has been changed.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the determining step further comprises determining if an indicator has been set at the server to indicate that an auction parameter has changed.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 2, wherein the indicator determining step further comprises refreshing an updater object; and determining if the value in the refreshed updater object indicates that an auction parameter has changed.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the determining step further comprises receiving a communication from the server indicating that an auction parameter has changed.

5. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 4, wherein the determining step further comprises the step of determining if the communication is from an authorized party.